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The Honorable Floyd Petersen
Mayor, City of Loma Linda
Civic Center
25541 Barton Road
Loma Linda, CA 92354

IN REPLY REFER TO:
Case No.: 00-09-871P

Community: City of Loma Linda, CA
Community No.: 065042
Panels Affected: 06071C8684 F, 8692 F,
8703 F and 8711 F

Effective Date of **JUN 27 2001**
This Revision:

102-D

Dear Mayor Petersen:

This responds to a request that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) revise the effective Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report for San Bernardino County, California, and Incorporated Areas (the effective FIRM and FIS report for your community), in accordance with Part 65 of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) regulations. In a letter dated June 28, 2000, Mr. Ken A. Miller, Flood Control Engineer, Department of Public Works, County of San Bernardino, requested that FEMA revise the FIRM and FIS report to redesignate the flood hazard area along San Timoteo Creek as a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), the area that would be inundated by the flood having a 1-percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year (base flood), designated Zone A99. The Zone A99 designation is used to identify areas that are protected from the base flood by a Federal flood-protection system under construction, with no Base Flood Elevations (BFEs) determined. The request was based on construction of channel improvements and sediment basins along San Timoteo Creek from its confluence with the Santa Ana River to approximately 4,000 feet upstream of San Timoteo Canyon Road.

We have completed our review of the submitted information and agree that we have received sufficient evidence of compliance with the adequate progress requirements of Paragraph 61.12(b) of the NFIP regulations, as well as with all other portions of Section 61.12. We have revised the FIRM to redesignate as Zone A99 the areas affected by the base flood along San Timoteo Creek from its confluence with the Santa Ana River to approximately 4,000 feet upstream of San Timoteo Canyon Road. In addition, the areas affected by the base flood along San Timoteo Wash A and San Timoteo Wash B were redesignated Zone A99 to reflect that these breakout flows will be eliminated by construction of the project. We also removed from the FIRM the BFEs associated with San Timoteo Creek, San Timoteo Wash A, and San Timoteo Wash B, and we deleted Profile Panels 144P through 149P and 154P through 157P from the FIS report. The floodway boundary along San Timoteo Creek also was removed, and we deleted the Floodway Data Table from the FIS report.

The modifications are shown on the enclosed annotated copies of FIRM Panels 06071C8684 F, 06071C8692 F, 06071C8703 F, and 06071C8711 F; Profile Panel 150P; and affected portions of the Floodway Data Table. This Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) hereby revises the above-referenced panels of the effective FIRM dated March 18, 1996, and the affected portions of the FIS report dated January 17, 1997.

Because this revision request also affects the Cities of Colton, Redlands, and San Bernardino and San Bernardino County, separate LOMRs for those communities were issued on the same date as this LOMR.

The modifications are effective as of the date shown above. The map panels as listed above and as modified by this letter will be used for all flood insurance policies and renewals issued for your community.

A review of the determination made by this LOMR and any requests to alter this determination should be made within 30 days. Any request to alter the determination must be based on scientific or technical data.

In a letter dated February 28, 2001, Mr. Brian M. Moore, Deputy District Engineer for Project Management, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Los Angeles District, stated that construction of Reach 3B of the project will begin later this year. Therefore, we will not physically revise and republish the FIRM and FIS report for your community to reflect the modifications made by this LOMR at this time. Once we receive certification from the USACE that the entire project has been completed, we will initiate a physical revision and republication of the previously cited FIRM panels.

The floodway is provided to your community as a tool to regulate floodplain development. Therefore, the floodway modifications described in this LOMR, while acceptable to FEMA, must also be acceptable to your community and adopted by appropriate community action, as specified in Paragraph 60.3(d) of the NFIP regulations.

This LOMR is based on minimum floodplain management criteria established under the NFIP. Your community is responsible for approving all floodplain development and for ensuring all necessary permits required by Federal or State law have been received. State, county, and community officials, based on knowledge of local conditions and in the interest of safety, may set higher standards for construction in the SFHA. If the State, county, or community has adopted more restrictive or comprehensive floodplain management criteria, these criteria take precedence over the minimum NFIP criteria.

The basis of this LOMR is, in whole or in part, a channel-modification project. NFIP regulations, as cited in Paragraph 60.3(b)(7), require that communities ensure that the flood-carrying capacity within the altered or relocated portion of any watercourse is maintained. This provision is incorporated into your community's existing floodplain management regulations. Consequently, the ultimate responsibility for maintenance of the modified channel rests with your community.

Because this LOMR will not be printed and distributed to primary users, such as local insurance agents and mortgage lenders, your community will serve as a repository for these new data. We encourage you to disseminate the information reflected by this LOMR throughout the community, so that interested persons, such as property owners, local insurance agents, and mortgage lenders, may benefit from the information. We also encourage you to prepare an article for publication in your community's local newspaper. This article should describe the changes that have been made and the assistance that officials of your community will give to interested persons by providing these data and interpreting the NFIP maps.

This determination has been made pursuant to Section 206 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (Public Law 93-234) and is in accordance with the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended (Title XIII of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, Public Law 90-448), 42 U.S.C. 4001-4128, and 44 CFR Part 65. Pursuant to Section 1361 of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended, communities participating in the NFIP are required to adopt and enforce floodplain management regulations that meet or exceed NFIP criteria. These criteria are the minimum requirements and do not supersede any State or local requirements of a more stringent nature. This includes adoption of the effective FIRM and FIS report to which the regulations apply and the modifications described in this LOMR.

If you have any questions regarding floodplain management regulations for your community or the NFIP in general, please contact the Consultation Coordination Officer (CCO) for your community. Information on the CCO for your community may be obtained by calling the Chief, Community Mitigation Programs Branch, Mitigation Division of FEMA in San Francisco, California, at (415) 923-7184. If you have any questions regarding this LOMR, please call our Map Assistance Center, toll free, at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627).

Sincerely,



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